

In the specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is related to the following:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/765,981, filed January 19, 2001 in the name of inventor Purnam Sheth, entitled "IP Pool Management Utilizing an IP Pool MIB", ~~Attorney Docket No. CISCO-3189~~, commonly assigned herewith.